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	Mr. James Gardner, in the office of William McAfee, INR, State Department, called about the preparation of views on Senator Cooper's bill (S. 2224). He indicated that Senator Fulbright has requested the Department's views on an urgent basis and asked for a coordinated response. I told Gardner it was my feeling this bill and others like it should probably be discussed at an LIG meeting. Since overall Executive Branch coordination would ultimately be required through OMB, it would appear desirable to have some preliminary discussion before individual department and agency views are prepared. Gardner said this suggestion made sense to him and he will discuss it with Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations.
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·	Mr. Larry McHugh, on the staff of the Joint Economic Committee, called with further reference to the Committee's hearings which will include testimony on the status of the Soviet economy. He said that Dick Davies, of State Department, has agreed to testify before the Committee at 2 p.m. on 9 August. McHugh has been unsuccessful in getting through to the right people in the State Department, but wanted to be certain that we were in touch with the Department to give them whatever information
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